THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. The terminal is fully operational.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Metre gauge railway lines

1315. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total length of metre gauge railway lines in the country, as on 31st January, 2006;

(b) the details of proposals formulated, so far, to convert these metre gauge lines into broad gauge line in the country;

(c) if so, the details of implementation of the above proposals; and

(d) the target date fixed by Government to complete this works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The data on railway route kilometres is maintained as on 31st March of each financial year. As such the details of total length (route kilometres) of metre gauge railway lines as on 31st March, 2005 (latest available) are given below:—

Name of the Railway Zone	Metre Gauge Route Kilometres
Central	Nil
Eastern	Nil
East Central	817
East Coast	Nil
Northern	88
North Central	46
North Eastern	1892
Northeast Frontier	1886
North Western	2625
Southern	1977
South Central	838
South Eastern	Nil
South East Central	Nil
South Western	399
Western	2094
West Central	Nil
GRAND TOTAL	12662

(b) to (d) As per Budget 2005-06, there were 50 ongoing gauge conversion projects requiring over Rs. 11000 crore for completion. These would convert about 8000 kms of lines into broad gauge. 935 kms of conversion has been targeted for completion during 2005-06. Another 1100 kms is proposed for 2006-07. The completion of all projects would depend upon availability of resources.

Railway accidents in Andhra Pradesh

1316. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents occurred in Andhra Pradesh in 2005;

(b) the details of such accidents in each case;

(c) the number of death toll and injured persons in each case;

(d) whether Government had constituted any enquiry committee to look into such accidents, case-wise;

(e) if so, details thereof;

(f) whether the committee had submitted its report to Government;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether Government had compensated the families of the victims who lost their lives; and

(i) if so, the details of such compensation released/to be released in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (i) There have been 17* consequential train accidents during the period from January 2005 to December 2005. In these accidents 120* persons lost their lives and 113* persons sustained injuries. Out of these train accidents, 16 have been enquired by departmental inquiry committees and one by the Commissioner of Railway Safety. One hundred and eleven compensation claims have been filed by the victims before the Railway Claims Tribunal. Compensation will be payable after decree is awarded by Railway Claims Tribunals on these claims. An *ex-gratia* relief of Rs. 115.7 lakhs has, however, been provided to the kith and kin of the deceased and to the injured passengers. Accident wise details are given in the Statement. (*Figures are provisional)